

NPDES INCIDENT REPORT

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To: Mr. Robert J. Courchaine, Chief
Water Quality Division
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District V
230 South Dearborn Street
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Re: NPDES Permit No. MI 0002381
Final Order of Abatement No. 1994

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Date of Incident November 17 & 22, 1981 Outfall No. 006 Water Qual. Control

Outfall Characteristic(s) Net Suspended Solids.

Permit Parameter(s) 570 lbs. per day maximum.

Indicated Value 11/17 - 3282 lbs. per day. 11/22 - 2399 lbs. per day.

Cause: Carry-over due to disturbing solids accumulation in Pond #4 during
decanting to temporary settling chamber prior to removing solids from Pond #4.

US EPA RECORDS CENTER REGION 5



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Duration: _____

Corrective Action: None known. Transition was planned and switch executed as
rapidly as possible. The sludge in the pond is not hazardous by RCRA criteria;
Flash Point is >200°F., pH = 6.99, material is not reactive and EP Toxicity tests
negative. Listed wastes not present.

Action to Prevent Recurrence: Although this operation is required at only about
three year intervals, methods which are more environmentally sound and economically
effective will be investigated.

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